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FROM AG ATTACHE - PASS AGRICULTURE FOR HUME AND MACKIE, L&LP

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SUBJ: IRISH VIEW OF CURRENT EC BEEF MOVES

1. DESPITE OBVIOUS ANOMALY THAT INTERVENTION IS NOW PROVING MOST LUCRATIVE OUTLET FOR IRISH BEEF AND SO EFFECTIVELY CUTTING IRISH BEEF EXPORTS, GOI, MEAT TRADE AND FARMERS ARE ALL STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY CHANGE IN INTERVENTION SYSTEM AS PROPOSED BY COMMISSIONER LARDINOIS.

2. GOI ADMITS TOO MUCH BEEF BEING SOLD TO INTERVENTION. FACTORIES SOLD 70 PERCENT OF PRIME SLAUGHTERINGS AND 36 PERCENT OF COW SLAUGHTERINGS TO INTERVENTION W/E APRIL 29 AND GOI ARE NOW LIMITING INTERVENTION TAKE TO 50 PERCENT IN EACH INTERVENTION CATEGORY.

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EM HOWEVER, IRISH CATTLE INDUSTRY, UNLIKE OTHER EC COUNTRIES, IS ALMOST TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON EXPORTS AND CATTLE TRADE IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE TO NATIONAL ECONOMY. GOI SEE LARDINOIS' PACKAGE CUTTING IRISH CATTLE PRICES AND EXPORT EARNINGS AND CAUSING FURTHER FARMER HARDSHIP.

4. FARMER OPPOSITION IS NATURALLY ON SIMILAR LINES, WHILE MEAT TRADE SEE END TO EASY MONEY OUTLET AND A RETURN TO HARD SLOG SELLING ABROAD.

5. GOI MAY ALSO BRING UP THE OLD MCA ISSUE AGAI, CHARGING MCA'S STILL STRONG DISINCENTIVE TO IRISH MEAT EXPORTS.

6. IRISH ARE NOT VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT EC REGULATION 1090/75 (EXIM) PROVIDING FOR LIMITED BEEF IMPORT LICENSES, GEARED TO SIMILAR EXPORTS. TRADE HERE SUGGEST THERE WILL BE "A GOOD TRADE IN IMPORT LICENSES" BUT ARE NOT SURE OF EFFECT ON BEEF TRADE ITSELF. FACTORIES HERE MAY BID FOR LICENSES AND INCREASE EXPORTS TO SUCH DESTINATIONS AS U.S. FORCES OR EVEN U.S. AND SELL LICENSES TO UK IMPORTERS.
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